

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/681,065

Applicant(s)

ROBINSON, MARTIN C.

Examiner

Jared J. Fureman

Art Unit

2876

All Participants:

(1) Mr. Jared J. Fureman (PTO).

(2) Mr. Michael F. Williams (39,875).

Status of Application: allowed

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Date of Interview: 11 July 2003

Time: 3:00 pm

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Proposed rejection of claim 63 over Graham in view of McGreggor and Rawlins or In re Venner (see MPEP 2144.04 III). Claim objections to claims 216-221.

Claims discussed:

56-63 and 216-221

Prior art documents discussed:

Rawlins (US 5,845,229) and In re Venner (see MPEP 2144.04 III).

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Jared J. Fureman
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Regarding claim 63, the examiner discussed that Rawlins teaches an automated marker dispenser (see figure 3), and that In re Venner shows that broadly providing an automatic or mechanical means to replace a manual activity which accomplished the same result is not sufficient to distinguish over the prior art. Mr. Williams authorized an examiner's amendment to cancel non-elected claims 56-62, and amend claims 63 and 216-221, in order to place the application into condition for allowance.

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